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SUBJ: US OFFER OF SPARE PARTS TO MES FOR WEAPONS SYSTEMS

REFC A) SAN SALVADOR 3033, B) STATE 153662

1. MILGP HAS AGAIN PROPOSED CASH SALE OF SPARE PARTS FOR 3.5" ROCKET LAUNCHER AND 57 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE. THIRTY DAYS, AS MENTIONED REF B, HAS PASSED.

2. MILGP OFFERS THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A. "LIFE OF TYPE" BUY OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPARE PARTS ARE ROUTINE FOLLOW ON SUPPORT OF GRANT-AID MATERIAL INTRODUCED INTO HOST COUNTRY IN EARLY 1960S. SPARE PARTS SUPPORT OF THE 3.5 ROCKET LAUNCHERS AND 57 MM RECOILLESS RIFLES (TOTALING LESS THAN 50 IN NUMBER) WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE THROUGH DOD SUPPLY CHANNELS AFTER 30 DECEMBER 1979. INTRODUCTION OF THESE TWO WEAPONS SYSTEMS AS PART OF GRANT AID MATERIAL INCURRED A SUPPORT OBLIGATION FOR LIFE OF THE SYSTEM WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A LIFE OF TYPE BUY FOR PARTS WHEN THE SYSTEM IS REMOVED FROM LOGISTICAL SUPPORT OPERATIONS.

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B. FAILURE TO SUPPORT THESE TWO OBSOLESCEENT SYSTEMS WITH A LIFE OF TYPE BUY OPPORTUNITY WILL PREMATURELY REMOVE THE PRINCIPAL DEFENSIVE ANTITANK SYSTEMS FROM THE HOST INVENTORY WITHIN A FEW YEARS. THIS IN TURN WILL GENERATE THE SEARCH FOR AND PROBABLE INTRODUCTION OF NEWER, SOPHISTICATED AND MORE EXPENSIVE MODERN ANTITANK SYSTEMS WHICH ARE READILY AVAILABLE

THRU THIRD COUNTRIES.

C. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT FAILURE TO SUPPORT EXISTING WEAPONS SYSTEMS WILL FOSTER AN ENVIRONMENT FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF MODERN SOPHISTICATED WEAPONRY, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE LIFE OF TYPE BUYS BE TENERED. PRESIDENT CARTER REPORTED TO CONGRESS ON 11 JULY QTE THE BEST OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACHIEVING RESTRAINT UNQTE (IN INTERNATIONAL ARMS TRANSFER) QTE ARE IN REVIEWING NEW ARMS SALES REQUESTS --RATHER THAN TRYING TO CUT DOWN EXISTING CONTRACTS OR REDUCE REQUIREMENTS IN FOLLOW-ON SUPPORT FOR SYSTEMS ALREADY SOLD UNQTE.

3. DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON POLICY QUESTION OF OFFERING THESE SPARE PARTS FOR CASH SALE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCE AGAIN REQUESTED.
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